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<u>AMENDMENT</u>

Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sirs:

In response to the Office action dated February 5, 2002, please amend the abovereferenced application as indicated below.

IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please amend the specification as follows:

At page 7, replace the paragraph beginning at line 17 and ending at page 8, line 7, with the

following language:

In accordance with one embodiment of the modular graft of the present invention, exemplified in FIG. 2, a first element 20 and a second element 60 of a modular bifurcated graft are assembled before insertion into the patient's vascular system. The first element 20 includes a

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